

Summer 2013 Coastal Grants

Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Coastal Management Program



Contact Information:

Illinois Coastal Management Program
160 N. LaSalle St.
Suite S-703
Chicago, IL 60601

Phone: 312-814-3123

Email: DNR.CMP@illinois.gov

Website:

<http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/cmp/Pages/grants.aspx>



What we will cover today

- **Brief overview of Coastal Management Program**
- IDNR environmental education in Coastal Zone
- Summer 2013 Grant Program Details
- Basics on Watershed Central wiki participation
- Question and Answer

Illinois Coastal Management Program (ICMP)



Illinois was officially approved as a Coastal Management Program on Jan 31, 2012

Purpose:

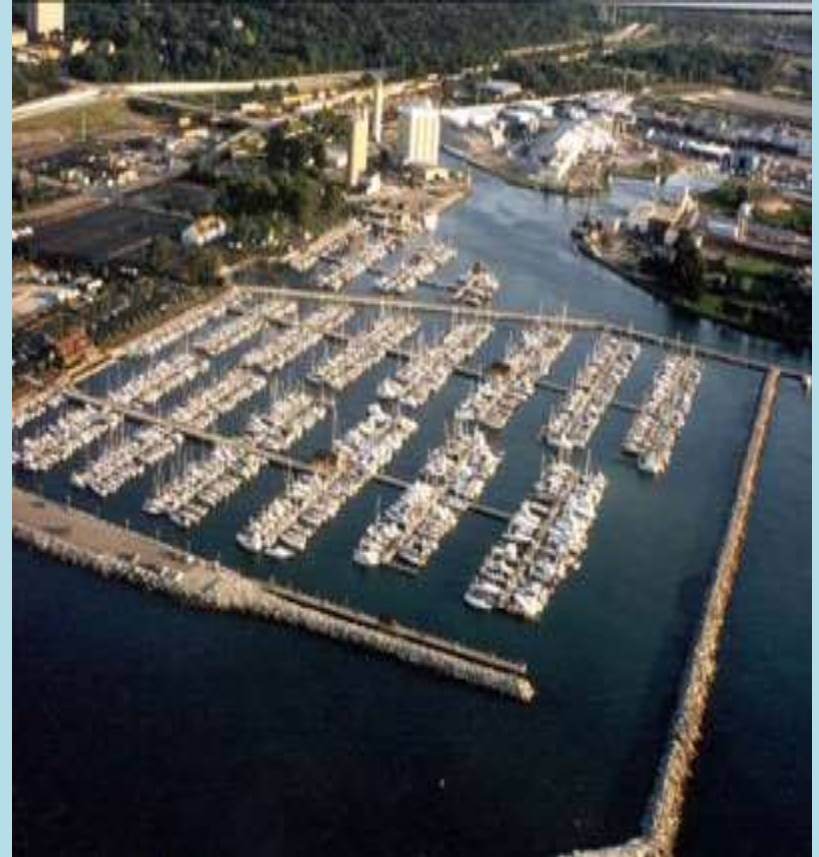
Protect, restore, and manage the Illinois Lake Michigan Coast for current and future generations

ICMP- The Big Picture



Waukegan Harbor Area Of Concern

- Beach Health BUI removed September 2011
- Habitat BUI removal pending
- Dredging will remove four remaining BUI's (Benthos, Fish consumption, Zooplankton and Phytoplankton, Dredging)
- Delisting target date: 2014



ICMP Millennium Reserve Projects

- Wetland acquisition adjacent to William Powers State Recreation Area
- Roots Neighborhood Gardens Project
- Secured grants to fund invasive species removal and green infrastructure planning and installation
- Initiated Millennium Reserve Steering Committee Development



Illinois Lake Michigan Implementation Plan

Collaborative process to create a 5-year plan to implement the objectives of the:

- Lake Michigan Lakewide Management Plan
- Illinois Coastal Management Program priorities



Illinois Lake Michigan Implementation Plan

Priority Issues:

- Habitat, Ecosystems, and Natural Areas
- Nonpoint Source Pollution
- Sustainable Development
- Persistent Bio-Accumulative Toxins
- Public Access and Recreation
- Invasive Species
- Climate Change
- Economic Development
- Priority Waterways



Illinois Lake Michigan Implementation Plan

We are using a wiki and a prioritization website to gather and prioritize information for this plan

Watershed Wiki – ILMIP Pages

https://wiki.epa.gov/watershed2/index.php/Illinois_Lake_Michigan_Implementation_Plan

Illinois Coastal Priorities Website

<http://www.illinoiscoastalpriorities.org/>



Watershed Central Wiki

To edit or add content to the wiki, please register or login.

Illinois Lake Michigan Implementation Plan (ILMIP)

(Extracted from Illinois Lake Michigan Implementation Plan)

This page is a work in progress and not the final ILMIP product. The content on this page does not necessarily represent the views of IDNR and the project partners.

Contents (Hide)

- 1 Overview
- 2 Geography
- 3 Regional Priority Issues
- 4 ILMIP Resources

Overview

The Illinois Lake Michigan Implementation Plan (ILMIP) is a collaborative effort of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), Alliance for the Great Lakes, Chicago Wilderness, and the Biodiversity Project to create an agenda for the restoration and protection of Lake Michigan coastal resources in Illinois. The ILMIP will be a shared vision that will inform funding decisions for coastal initiatives, including federal (e.g. Great Lakes Restoration Initiative), State (e.g. Illinois Coastal Zone Management Program)

Illinois Lake Michigan Implementation Plan

- Overview and Background
- Participating Organizations
- Reference Documents
- Users Guide
- Project FAQs

Illinois Lake Michigan Watersheds

Illinois Lake Michigan Priority Issues

Lake Michigan Lakewide Management Plan

Locate Watershed by Municipality or Zip Code

Funding Opportunities

ILMIP Index

Other Projects and Priorities

- Clean Marinas
- Illinois Beach State Park Nature Center
- Urban Biodiversity Week
- Nonpoint Source Pollution Program
- Invasive Species Task Force Projects



What we will cover today

- Brief overview of Coastal Management Program
- **IDNR environmental education in Coastal Zone**
- Summer 2013 Grant Program Details
- Basics on Watershed Central wiki participation
- Question and Answer



Introductions



What we will cover today

- Brief overview of Coastal Management Program
- IDNR environmental education in Coastal Zone
- **Summer 2013 Grant Program Details**
- Basics on Watershed Central wiki participation
- Question and Answer

Summer 2013 Grant Program Details

Application Deadline: July 1, 2013

Grant Period: October 1st 2013 through September 30th, 2014. No extensions will be available.

Grant Focus: Lake Michigan Coastal Education and Outreach

Grant Amounts: \$30,000 to \$100,000

Total Funding Available: Approximately \$500,000

Applications available at:

<http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/cmp/Pages/grants.aspx>



Summer 2013 Grant Program Details

- Environmental Education and Outreach
- Must be for public benefit
- Reimbursal Grant
- No grant extensions will be available
- Project must be within a community partially or fully within the Illinois Coastal Zone Boundary



Coastal Zone Boundary

Resources:

Google Earth Layer

GIS Layer

Municipality List

10-Map Series



Summer 2013 Grant Program Details

Eligible Applicants:

- Units of local government
- Colleges, universities and other institutions of higher learning
- Park districts, Conservancy districts, Forest preserve districts
- School districts
- Port authorities, Basin commissions
- Non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations whose mission includes environmental education and outreach



Environmental Priorities

Must address one or more of these priorities

- Restoring Habitat, Ecosystems, and Natural Areas
- Preventing and Mitigating Nonpoint Source Pollution
- Developing our Coast Sustainably
- Reducing Risks from Persistent Bio-Accumulative Toxins
- Encouraging Public Access and Nature-Based Recreation
- Preventing and Managing Invasive Species
- Addressing Climate Change
- Coastal Economic Development
- Valuing our Priority Waterways



Educational Priorities

Qualifying Project Types

- Community Projects- Participatory stewardship, outdoor education, place-based education
- Teacher Professional Development- Training on how to teach about the environment
- Outreach Projects- Workshops, public awareness campaigns
- Permanent Educational Displays- Must be in facilities that are open to the public with no fee

Projects can include more than one component



Budget Guidance

- Reimbursement Grant
- Applicant must agree to obligate the funds required to complete the project
- 50% match required for most applicants
- Federal funds cannot be used as match
- Cash or in-kind match acceptable
- Reduced match (25%) for gov. applicants in economically-challenged communities



More Details

- Multiple applications allowed
- Partnerships are encouraged
- Subcontracting is permissible but must be disclosed and subcontractors are held to same standards as grantees.
- Successful applicants must sign a grant contract and will be required to submit grant reports and reimbursement request forms



Application Materials

- Application Instructions
- Application
- Application Narrative
- Detailed Proposed Budget



Due by 5pm on July 1, 2013

Email 1 copy to DNR.CMP@illinois.gov

Mail 1 copy to our office



Application Evaluation

Evaluation Criteria (in order approx. from most to least weight)

- Need
- Anticipated Outputs and Outcomes
- Quality of Proposal
- Creativity, Innovation and Uniqueness
- Sound Methods and Science
- Feasibility and Timeline
- Environmental Justice
- Cost Effectiveness and Degree of Impact
- Partnerships and Local Support
- Financial Integrity
- Organizational Capacity and Qualifications of Applicant



Application Evaluation

Bonus Point Criteria

- Participation in ILMIP Watershed Central Wiki



The screenshot displays the 'Watershed Central Wiki' interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for 'Page', 'Discussion', 'View source', and 'History'. Below this, a message prompts users to register or login to edit content. The main heading is 'Illinois Lake Michigan Implementation Plan (ILMIP)', with a note indicating it's a redirected page from the ILMIP implementation plan. A red text box states: 'This page is a work in progress and not the final ILMIP product. The content on this page does not necessarily represent the views of IDNR and the project partners.' To the left, a sidebar contains a search bar, a 'Navigation' menu with links like 'Wiki Home', 'EPA's Watershed Central Website', and 'About the Watershed Central Wiki', and 'Popular Categories' including 'Watershed Management Framework', 'Projects', 'Models, Tools & Databases', 'Outreach & Communication', 'Guidance', 'Rules & Regulations', and 'Funding Sources'. Below these are 'Help' and 'Community' sections. The main content area features a 'Contents (Index)' table of contents with links to 'Overview', '2 Geography', '3 Regional Priority Issues', and '4 ILMIP Resources'. An 'Overview' section follows, describing the ILMIP as a collaborative effort by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), the Alliance for the Great Lakes, Chicago Wilderness, and the Biodiversity Project to create an agenda for coastal restoration and protection. To the right of the text is a map of Lake Michigan showing the Illinois coastline and various watersheds. A small inset map shows the location of Lake Michigan within the Great Lakes region.

What we will cover today

- Brief overview of Coastal Management Program
- IDNR environmental education in Coastal Zone
- Summer 2013 Grant Program Details
- **Basics on Watershed Central wiki participation**
- Question and Answer



What we will cover today

- Brief overview of Coastal Management Program
- IDNR environmental education in Coastal Zone
- Summer 2013 Grant Program Details
- Basics on Watershed Central wiki participation
- **Question and Answer**

Contact Information:

Illinois Coastal Management Program

160 N. LaSalle St.

Suite S-703

Chicago, IL 60601

Phone: 312-814-3123

Email: DNR.CMP@illinois.gov

Website:

<http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/cmp/Pages/grants.aspx>



Thanks for Coming!



Application Evaluation

Applications which meet the following requirements will be scored:

- Eligible applicant
- Stand-alone project not dependent upon future funding
- Project is in Coastal Zone municipality
- Project is for public benefit
- Project is for environmental education
- Project addresses one or more educational priorities
- Project addresses one or more environmental priorities
- Request amount is within the range
- Application arrives on time
- Application is complete and signed
- Match amount is adequate
- Grant period does not exceed allowed time



Environmental Education Definition

Educational and training activities, outreach, and information dissemination aimed at developing an environmentally literate citizenry with the

- 1) Skills
- 2) Knowledge
- 3) Inclination to make well-informed choices concerning the environment

and that exercises these rights and responsibilities as members of the community.

Scientifically-sound information about environmental processes and systems, critical thinking skills, decision-making skills, and personal and civic responsibility are underpinnings of effective environmental education.